

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
November 20, 2023

REGULAR MEETING
High School Media Center
7:00 P.M.

Athens High School
300 E. Holcomb Street, Athens
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. Call to order, Knowles presiding at 7:00 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Stanton: X Setlak: X Harvey: X Knowles: X
McClure: X Loew: X Penick: X

A quorum is present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Approval of Agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Harvey.

Second: Setlak.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

3. Public Comments.

None

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Discussion of Superintendent Kipp Beaudoin Contract – Mostly similar to contract with Joe. Slight increase in pay. Vetted by Thrun Law Firm.

B. Truck Bids - \$65,434 for Ford F-250 with plow and salt spreader. Cole Ford in Coldwater.

C. New Hires – Substitute teacher – Missy Irons. Substitute cook – Jill McCombs.

D. CASBMA Award Nomination – Annual Citizen and Professional awards through CASBMA. Must nominate by January 2024. Discussed nominating Joe Huepenbecker for Professional Educator Award.

- E. Track Overnight/Outside of the State Trips – Need Board approval for overnight and out of state trips.
- F. Superintendents Evaluation – Annual evaluation. Superintendent has requested closed session.

5. Routine Matters.

- A. Presentation of Minutes of Prior Meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves of the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as well as the October 18, and October 23, 2023 Special Board Meetings.

Motion: McClure.

Second: Setlak.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

- B. Presentation of Financial Statements.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending October 31, 2023.

Motion: Harvey.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

6. Reports.

- A. Board President. – He spoke to staffer from Rep. Lightener’s office.
- B. Facilities/Planning Committee. – Working on plans for new heating at elementary. Committee will meet on 11/27.
- C. Superintendent – See attached. Promoted Mr. Darrell Vorce to Facilities Manager. We are down 40 kids from what we budgeted per the desk audit.
- D. High School Administrator –See attached. Band Concert 12/19. Blood Drive 12/12. 2 students attended Meyer Music Honor Band
- E. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director – See attached. 94% participation rate in Elementary conferences. Veterans Day program was wonderful.
- F. Athletic Director- See attached – Coaching vacancies in Baseball and HS wrestling. Winter Sports have started.
- G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance.- See attached report. Title III audit was successful. CISD to fill Social Worker and psychologist. Both virtual ones left CISD.

7. Action Items.

A. Approval of Superintendent Kipp Beaudoin Contract

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the contract as presented for Kipp Beaudoin as the Superintendent of Athens Area Schools, effective 1/01/2024.

Motion: Penick.

Second: Setlak.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

B. Truck Bids

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorize the superintendent to purchase the Ford F-250 from Cole Ford for \$65,434.00.

Motion: Harvey.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

C. New Hires

1. Substitute Teacher

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Missy Irons as a district substitute teacher.

Motion: Setlak.

Second: Harvey

Ayes: 7 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

2. Substitute Cook

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Jill McCombs as a district substitute cook.

Motion: Stanton

Second: Penick

Ayes: 7 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

D. Track Overnight/Outside of State Trips

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the Varsity Track Teams overnight trip(s) for State Tournaments and out of State trip(s) to visit colleges/universities.

Motion: Setlak.

Second: Harvey.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

8. Public Comment.

Rachel Hunt- question about the status of the new wrestling room.

Break Out: 8:10PM In: 8:23PM

9. Closed Session-Superintendent's Evaluation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of completing the superintendent's annual evaluation.

Motion: McClure.

Second: Harvey.

ROLL CALL VOTE Stanton: X Setlak: X Harvey: X Knowles: X
McClure: X Loew: X Penick: X
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .
Passed: X Defeated: . Time: 8:24PM.

President moves the meeting be returned to Open Session.

Time: 9:16PM

Report: The Superintendent is given the rating of Effective.

Board Question about dealing with high needs students. Response- we follow the law and advice of experts.

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Stanton.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

Time of adjournment: 9:25PM.

Minutes signed by: Eli H. McClure Acting Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Joe Huepenbecker, Superintendent

Approved for publication by the Board: 12/18/2023 (date)